

# Comprehensive Harm Reduction & Syringe Exchange Program



LENOWISCO Health District

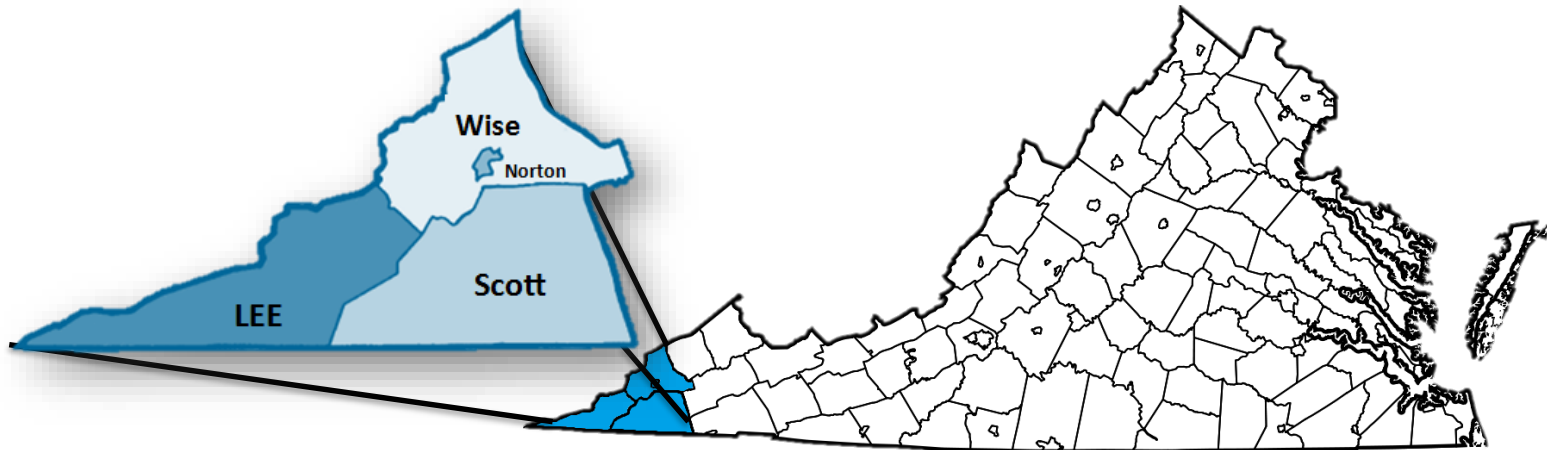
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The LENOWISCO Health District (LHD) is located in the heart of the beautiful Appalachian mountains of southwest Virginia, extending east from the Cumberland Gap, and bordering Kentucky and Tennessee. Much of our district is closer to at least seven other state capitals than to Virginia's own capital, Richmond. LHD serves three counties Lee, Wise and Scott, and the independent City of Norton. LHD serves a population of approximately 92,000.



# Outreach & Community Engagement

- Partnership with National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Develop community-level emergency response plan for outbreak of hepatitis and/or HIV.
  - “Town Hall Meetings” to engage community members
- Build knowledge among local government leaders, law enforcement, mental health, recovery community, health department, and regional coalition members.
  - Tour of syringe exchange program- Charleston, WV

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**  
*Harm Reduction: real-world strategies & actions to reduce the negative consequences associated with substance use*

Please join the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Health District for a community meeting to discuss the draft emergency response plan designed to address a rapid increase in new infectious hepatitis or HIV cases (signaling an outbreak or potential outbreak, similar to the 2015 HIV outbreak in a rural Indiana county).

Health District staff will present a draft emergency response plan designed to address a rapid increase in new infectious hepatitis or HIV cases (signaling an outbreak or potential outbreak, similar to the 2015 HIV outbreak in a rural Indiana county). Community members will have the opportunity to review key components of the proposed plan, comment, and provide feedback.

Considering the importance of community input in the development of a workable plan, input from the community is essential to the development of a workable plan.

**June 28**

**9:00-10:30 am— Lee County**  
Jonesville United Methodist Church  
1000 N. Main St.  
Jonesville, VA 22098

**9:00-10:30 am— Jackson County**  
Education and Research  
818 Happy Valley Drive  
Floyd, VA 22430

**1:30-3:00 pm— Scott County**  
First Baptist Church of Weber City  
2436 US HWY 32 N.  
Weber, VA 22685

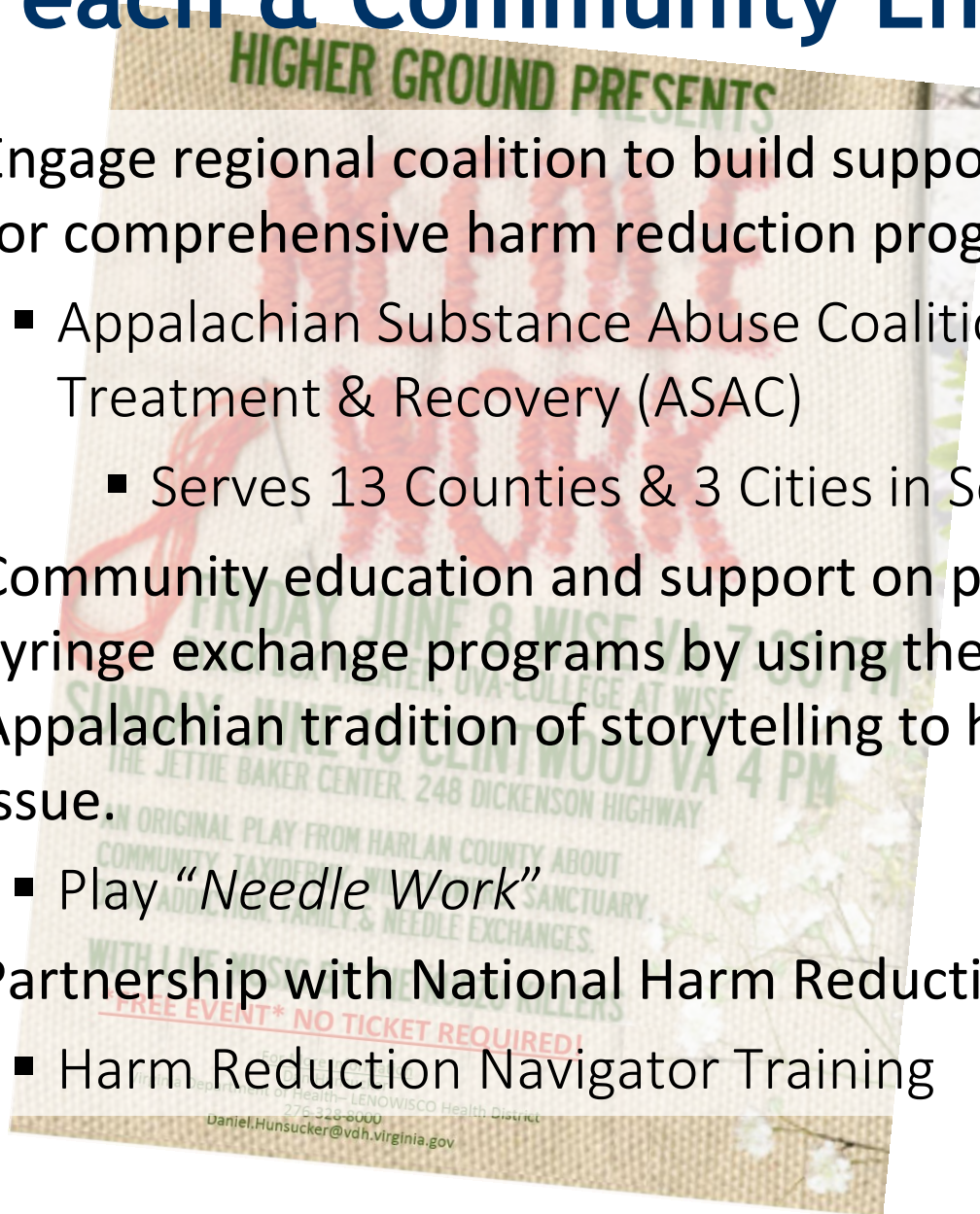
**2:00-3:30 pm— Wise County**  
Mountain Empire Community Center  
3441 Mountain Empire Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 22617

<http://www.vdatownhall.eventbrite.com>

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# Outreach & Community Engagement

- Engage regional coalition to build support and advocate for comprehensive harm reduction programming.
  - Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition for Prevention, Treatment & Recovery (ASAC)
    - Serves 13 Counties & 3 Cities in Southwest Virginia
- Community education and support on pros and cons of syringe exchange programs by using theater and Appalachian tradition of storytelling to humanize the issue.
  - Play “Needle Work”
- Partnership with National Harm Reduction Coalition
  - Harm Reduction Navigator Training





# CHR Program Timeline

- March- Program Application Submitted
- April- Site Visit from DDP
- May- Commissioner Authorization Letter
- June- MOA Signed
- July 2, 2018- First Day of CHR Program



# LENOWISCO CHR Program Overview

- 1 for 1 Exchange
- Supplies Offered:
  - Needles/Syringes
  - Sharps Containers
  - Alcohol Pads
  - Sterile Water/Saline
  - Band-Aids/Gauze
  - Antibiotic Ointment
  - Condoms
  - Safe Injection Kit
    - Bleach, Clean Water, & 3 Cups



**Wise County Health Department**  
—Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday—

134 Roberts AVE SW

Wise, VA 24293

(276)328-8000

during regular clinic hours 1:00p.m. — 3:00p.m.

**Prevention NOT Permission**

Available Services:

- ◇ Substance Use Risk Counseling
- ◇ Referrals to Treatment & Healthcare
- ◇ Exchange Used Syringes for Sterile Ones
- ◇ Information on Wound Prevention & Care
- ◇ Overdose Prevention & Naloxone (Narcan®)
- ◇ Hepatitis & HIV Testing
- ◇ Family Planning Services
- ◇ Condoms & Safe Sex Supplies
- ◇ Pregnancy Tests
- ◇ PrEP & nPEP
- ◇ STD Testing
- ◇ Vaccinations

**#CleanNeedlesSaveLives**

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*To protect the health and promote the  
well-being of all people in Virginia.*

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- Unique Participants: 24
- Total Visits: 47
- Authorized Program Staff: 7
- Volunteers: 4
- Syringes Dispensed: 847
- Syringes Returned/Collected: 2,108
- Syringe Return Rate: 249%
- Average Injections Per Day: 4



# REDCap Database



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LENOWISCO HEALTH DISTRICT  
COMPREHENSIVE HARM REDUCTION AND SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

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## RETURN PATIENT INFORMATION • Demographic Information

ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please enter zip code of where you spend the most time.*  
Any Changes? (Circle One) Yes | No  
If Yes, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Age, Zip Code, Drug of Preference, Sexual Orientation, Employment Status, Homelessness, etc.

## • Status & Testing Information

# Injections Per Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you currently taking PrEP? Yes | No  
Supply List:  
*(please check ONLY items you need for the week)*  
☐ Syringes ☐ Sharps Container ☐ Condoms ☐ Clean Water  
☐ Alcohol Wipes ☐ Sterile Water/Saline ☐ Antiseptic Ointment

- REVIVE Training/Narcan Dispensing Date, Hepatitis A/B Vaccination Status, Hepatitis C Status & Testing Date, HIV Status & Testing Date

## Are You Interested in Other Services? • Encounter Information

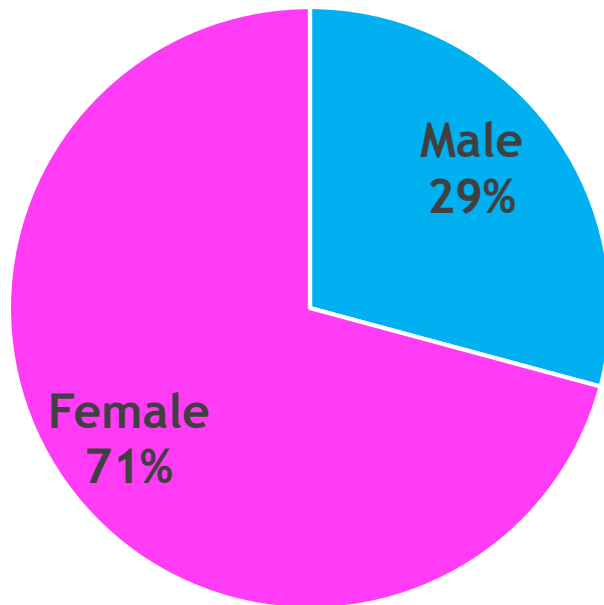
- Syringes Returned, Supplies Given, Zip Code of Current Residence, # of Injections Per Day, Verified Accepted Wrap Around Services (testing, treatment, mental health, recovery, social services, family planning, etc.)



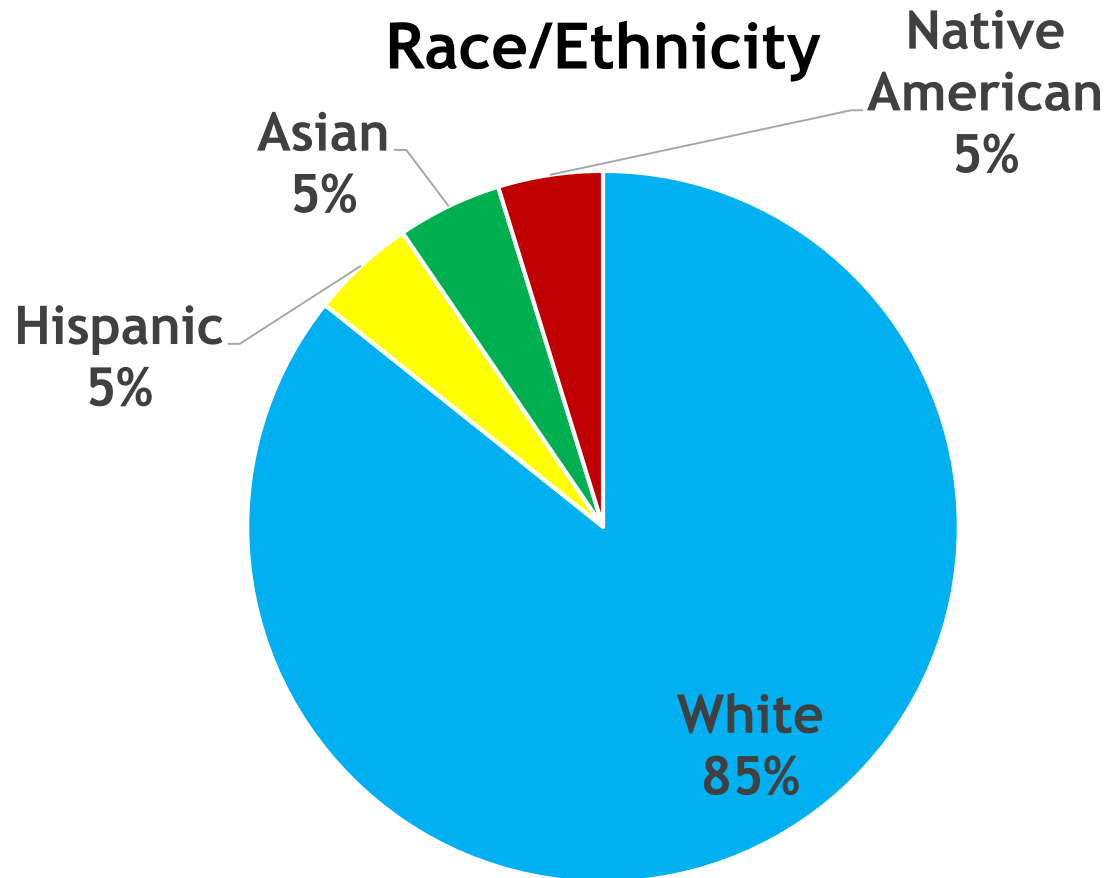
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## ❖ Demographics

### Gender

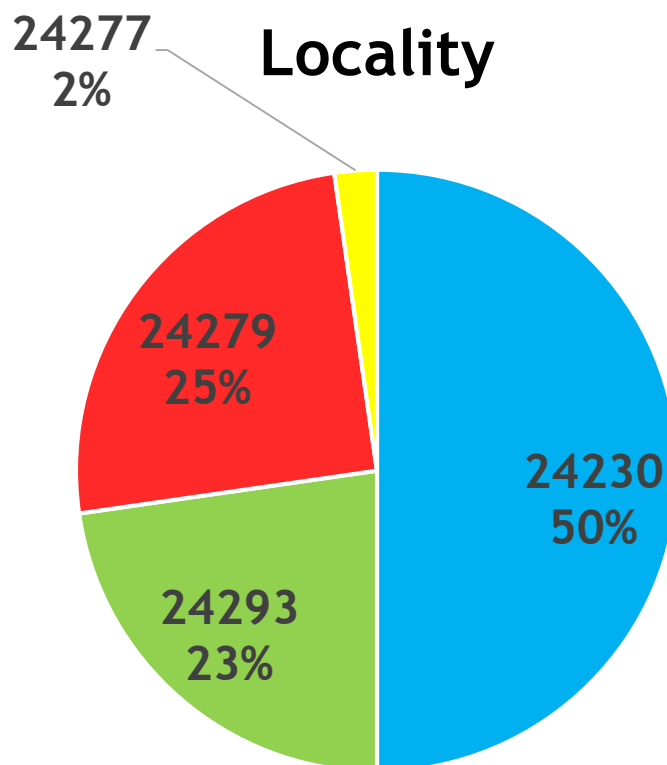


### Race/Ethnicity



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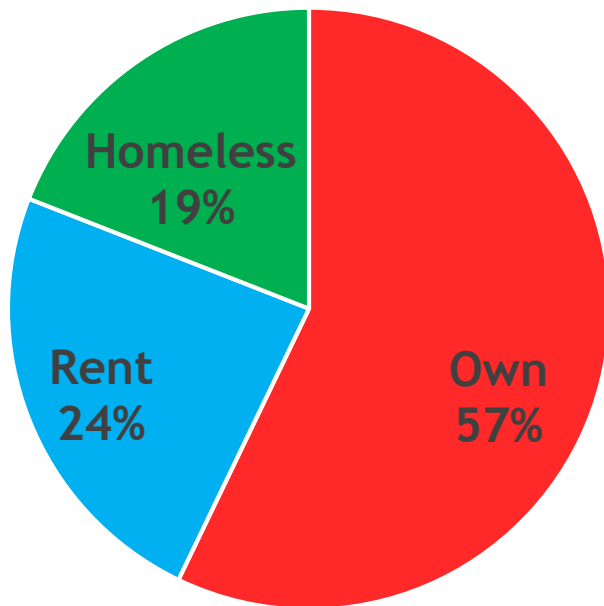
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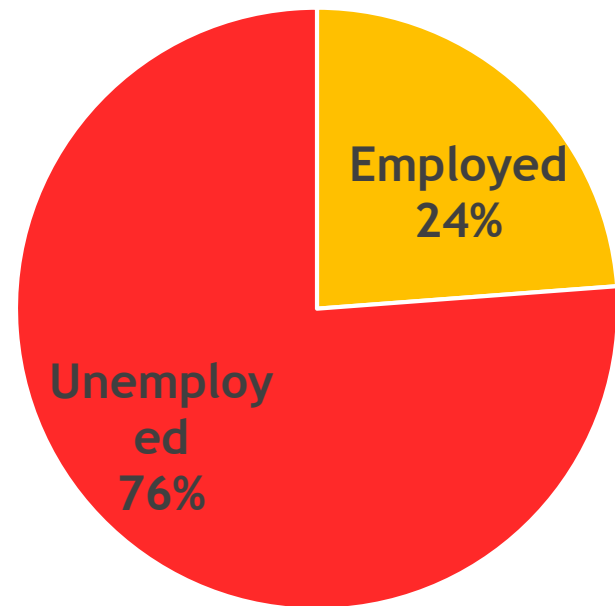
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### Own/Rent/Homeless



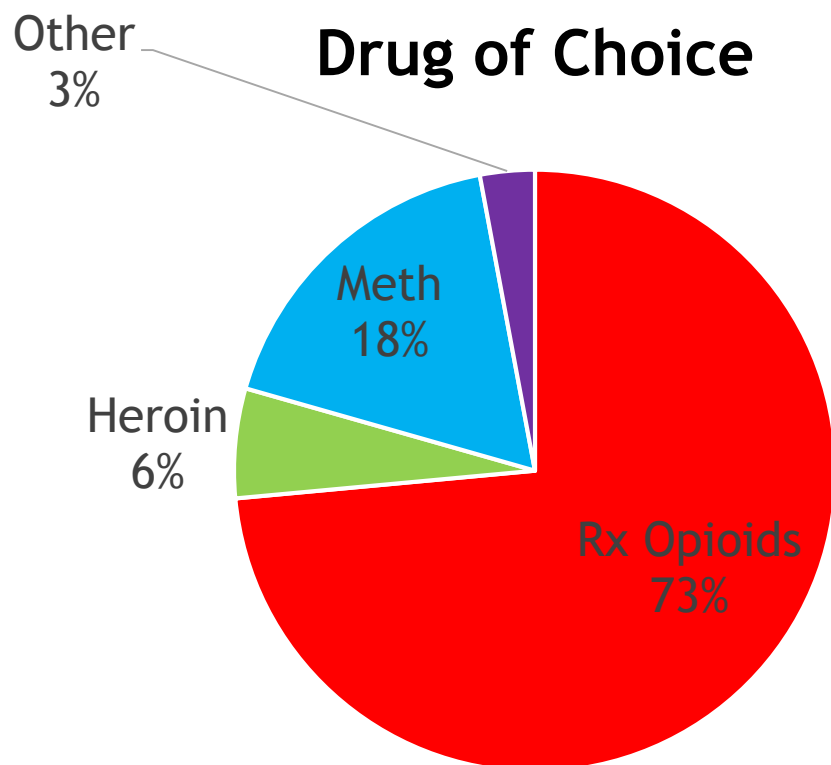
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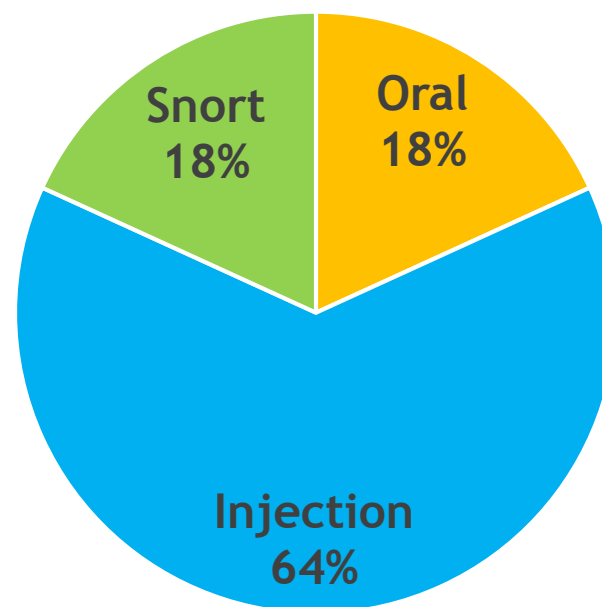


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## ❖ Drug Use Behavior



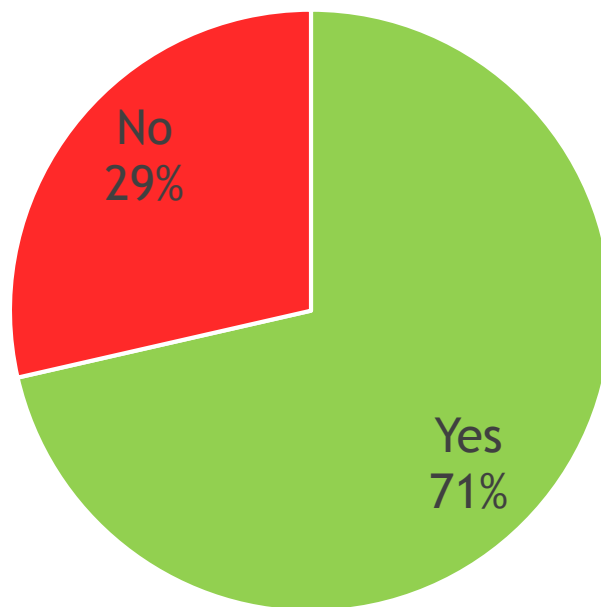
## Method of Use



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❖ REVIVE! & Naloxone (Narcan®)

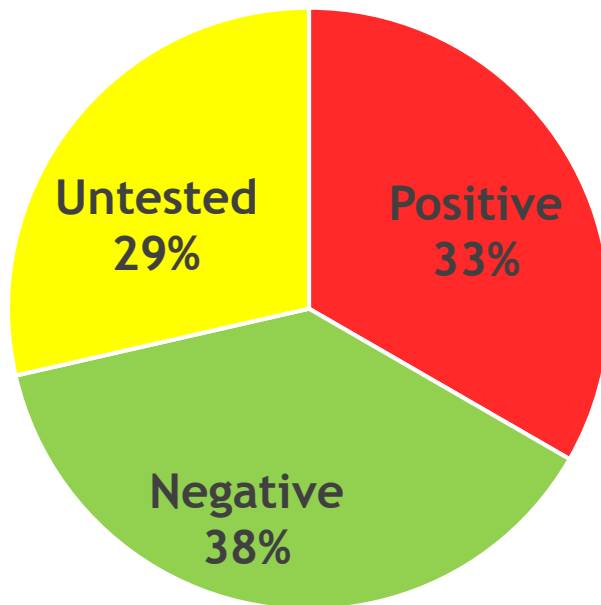
## REVIVE! Trained



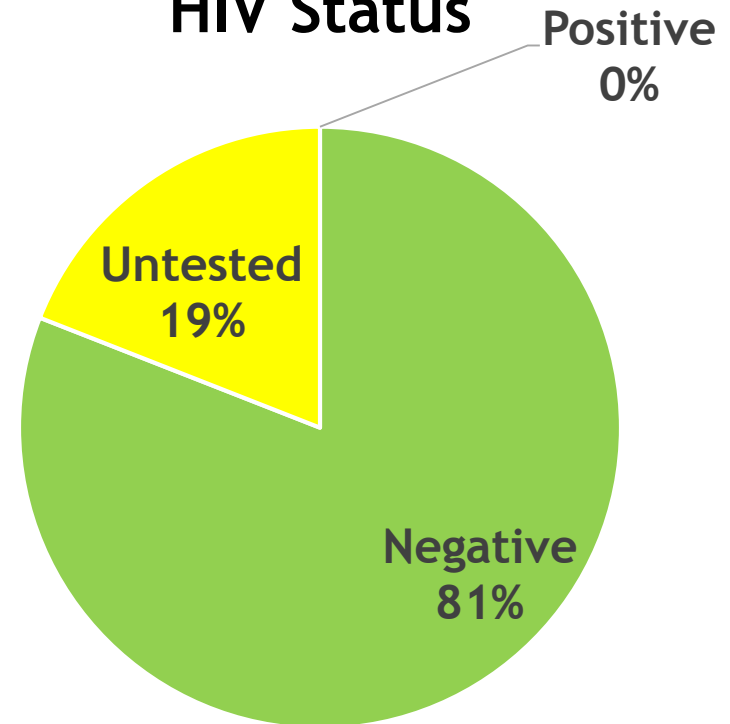
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## ❖ Statistics

### Hepatitis C Status



### HIV Status





# Questions & Comments

